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transducers, 362A or 362B may be inputted within a transducer-position deadband 550 without effecting a change in a velocity of the wheel, 12A or 12B, of the wheelchair 10 of FIGURE 1, thereby facilitating easy and precise control of the steering for the wheelchair 10.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend Claims 11 and 12 to read as follows:

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11 (Amended). A method as claimed In Claim 1 in which said method further comprises:

- a) producing a null width; and
- b) obviating said rotating step for a respective one of said electric motors when said proportioned electrical output is within said null width.

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12 (Amended). A method as claimed In Claim 1 in which said method further comprises:

- a) producing a null width;
- b) obviating said rotating step for a respective one of said electric motors when said proportioned electrical output is within said null width; and
- c) selectively adjusting said null width.

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COMMENTS

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In rechecking the claims of the subject patent application preparatory to submission of the Issue Fee, Applicants discovered that two dependent claims (11 and 12) include errors, that although obvious, would, if not corrected, affect the value of Applicants' patent. With further checking it was found that one paragraph erroneously described the present invention.

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Applicants respectfully submit that the requested changes meet requirements "A" and "B" of M.P.E.P. 714.16 for entering an amendment under 37 CFR 1.312. Namely: A) the requested changes are needed for "proper protection" of the invention; and B) the requested changes require "no substantial amount of additional work" on the part of the Office.